

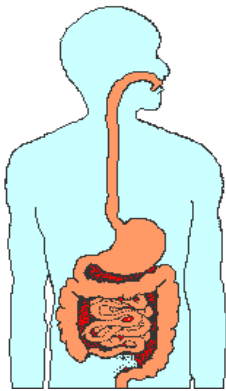
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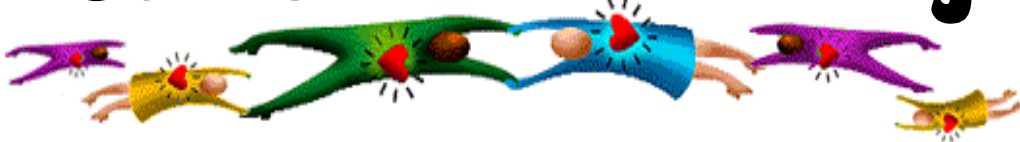


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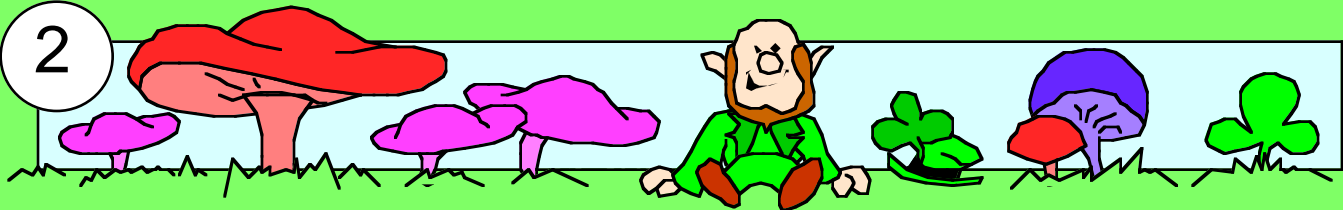
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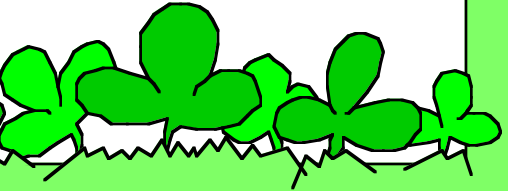


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# The Circus Comes To Town

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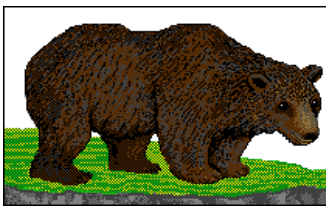
*By Lisbeth M., Mr. Smith's Class*

Come one, come all to the greatest and the only circus on Earth! You will see funny clowns and animal acts like elephants, lions and more. You will enjoy the acrobats flipping in the air. Jugglers will be doing their tricks, the tight-rope walkers will excite and bring suspense to your eyes. You will see the most important person in our circus, our fabulous ring master. Our circus is the best, come and have a great time with the funniest clowns, acrobats and our finest animals. Come to the greatest circus of all!!!



## California

*By Heidi A., Ms. Yung's Class*



California is a large state. You would need to spend years on a magic carpet to see all of California. This trip is just going to take you to some of the interesting places. Sacramento is the capital of California. The dome of the capital building is made from California gold.

The coast, the central valley, the mountains and the desert are the four regions of California. The California state animal is the grizzly bear and the flower is the golden poppy.

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# Dear Coco,



*By Ms. Decker's Class*

You are so special to me and also to Ms. Decker. Do not bark too much just because you want to play with other people. They will play with you if you are quiet.

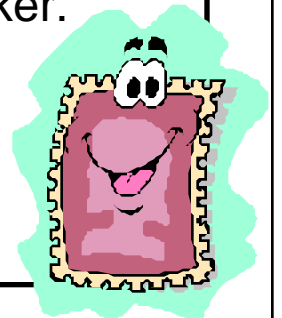
Love,

Leslie V.

I just wanted to know-How are you? When are you coming? I am so sad because you don't come to see us. A bird told me you are coming some day. Did you know I had a dog in Mexico? Now he is dead, but I have a new one that my uncle bought. She is in Mexico too. I have only met her through a video tape. She is pretty like you, Coco. Now you know that I had a dog like Ms. Decker.

Best Wishes,

Melissa H.



# My Favorite Movie

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*By Ms. Zamorano's Class*



My favorite movie is Titanic. I like this movie because it's beautiful. In this movie the main characters are Rose and Jack. The setting of the story is a ship. This movie makes me feel sad every time I see it.

By Isabel C.



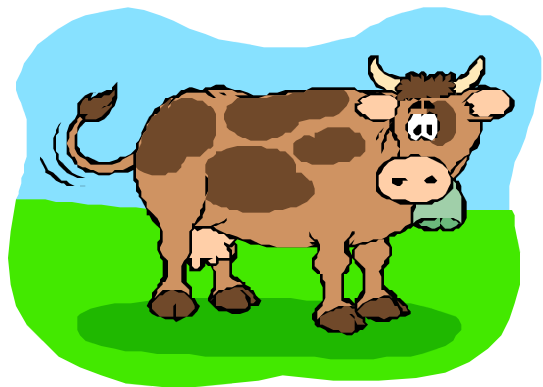
On Sunday morning, I went to the theater and saw Rug Rats The Movie and Jack Frost. I ate lots of popcorn.

By Sammy A.

# THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

*By Kiara J Ms. Zamorano's Class*

I liked the story of the Three Little Pigs because the big bad wolf wanted to eat the three little pigs. The story is about the pigs, they were very scared. My favorite characters were the three little pigs because they are smart and fast.



Q. Where do cows go for entertainment?

A. To the Movies.

# THE BIG MESS



*By Ernesto R., Mrs. Kling's Class*

One afternoon, Ernesto's mom said, "Ernesto, have you cleaned your room?"

"Can I go play volleyball first?" asked Ernesto.

"First, go clean your room," his mom said.

"But, I didn't," said Ernesto, "do it."

"No buts, young man, go clean your room," she said.

"O.K.," said Ernesto.

"Oh, and by the way, bring me your little sister," she said.

"My little sister!" Ernesto said in a loud voice.

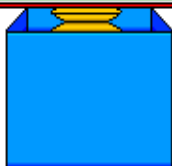
He ran up the stairs and screamed, "AH!"

"What's going on?" Ernesto's mom said.

She ran up the stairs and screamed, "AH!"



Q. Can April March?  
A. No, but August May.



Q. Where did  
the computer go  
to dance?

A. To the Disc-O.





# MY GREAT WEEKEND

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*By Ceason G. , Mrs. Kling's Class*

"Hi, Gina," Ceason said. "Could you go ice skating with me?"

"I can go ice skating with you," Gina said. "I forgot. I have to go shopping with my mom."

"I forgot I have to go shopping with my mom, too," said Ceason.

"Maybe we can go together?"

"O.K.," said both girls.

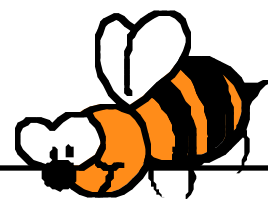
The next day they went to the store together. Ceason and Gina were getting junk food. The next day, they went ice skating and Ceason and Gina kept falling on their bottoms. After that, they went to go eat at Taco Bell. Gina went to go sleep at Ceason's. They ate popcorn and they watched a movie.

The next day, Gina had to go home.



# Poems

*By Ms. Martinez's Class*

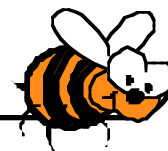


There was a small and green frog.  
The frog was hopping on the log.  
The frog fell off and the flea  
That was on the frog fell on me.

By Ronald B.

I saw a bee with big wings.  
It came to me with a big sting.  
I got mad and it flew away.  
Then I saw it back in May.

By Jessi C.



# The Mendez Family

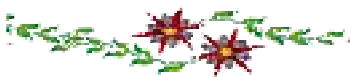
*In Mr. Elliott's Class*

My name is Maria Beatrez. I am 9 years old. I was born in Los Angeles, California. I am in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. My teacher's name is Mr. Elliott.

My mother is from El Salvador. My mother came here because she wanted to help my family in El Salvador. My Mother works during the day ironing ties for a living. I like my mother because she loves me. My mother and I go to the park.

My father is nice and loving. He is also from El Salvador. My father came here because he needed to get a job. He works with my mother.

I have two brothers. One brother is older than me. He is 12 years old. His name is Orlando. My other brother is younger than me. He is 8 years old. His name is Daniel. We like to play baseball.

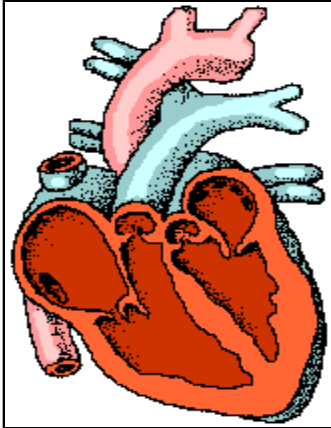




# Body Systems

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*By Abhishake R. Mr. Hernandez's Class*

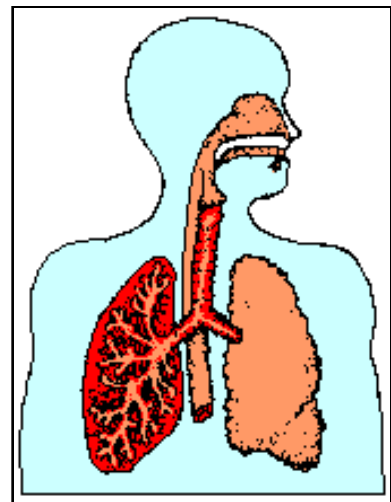


Exercise and a proper diet are important for your body because they help the immune system to get stronger. When the heart pumps faster it gets stronger. If you do not exercise, your body will not burn off your fat and you will die because the blood can't get through your veins and arteries and you could have a heart attack.

Veins and arteries carry blood all over the body. Our body is a living thing. We have red cells, white cells and platelets. Each of them has a job to do. The red cells carry oxygen all over your body. The white cells fight off germs, and platelets help clot your blood when you bleed. There are more red cells than white cells. Plasma carries minerals and nutrients. Red cells carry carbon dioxide to the lungs. You can't live if your heart stops pumping. Our blood is a living thing.

We breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon dioxide. Plants get carbon dioxide and they breathe out oxygen.

Smoking is bad for your heart because your heart will become weaker and you can die. Smoking is bad for your lungs because they may turn black. Smoking damages your throat, and you will have to breathe and talk with the help of a tube. Smoking causes cancer in any part of your body. You will lose blood and die because your body needs blood to stay alive. I will not want to smoke and drink when I get older because it can damage my body. If you start smoking, your lungs will not get any air and you could die. If you smoke, you will only feel good for 5 minutes, the rest of your life you won't feel good. My advice--DO NOT SMOKE.





# La Llorona

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*Retold by Reggie A., Mr. Lemaire's Class*

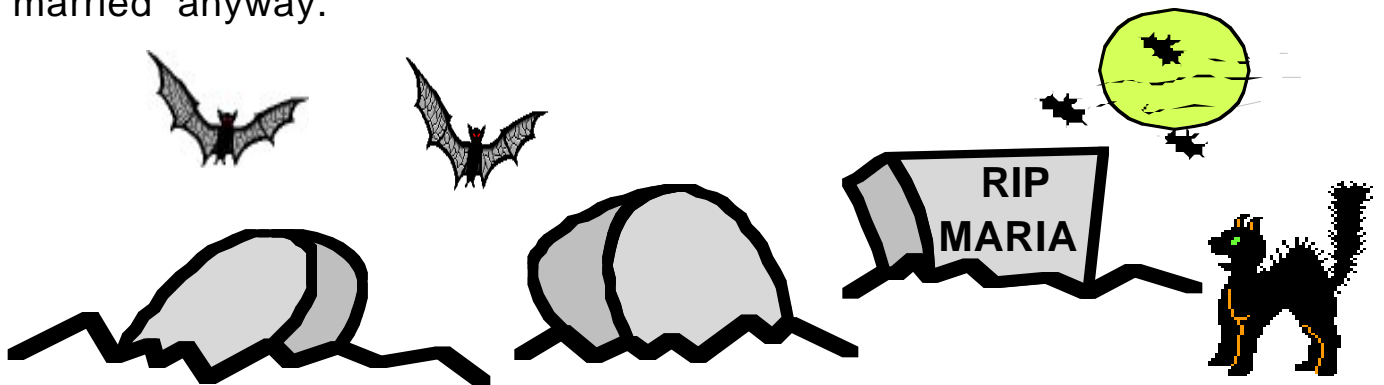
The story takes place in a small town in New Mexico where a young girl named Maria lived. Maria was a beautiful young lady who was so full of herself that she thought she was better than everyone else. Maria's parents bought her whatever she wanted, but she was never satisfied. Maria thought she needed better things.

When Maria got older Maria, her grandmother would walk around the village and Maria would say, "When I grow up I will marry the most handsome man in New Mexico."

Her mother and grandmother would tell her to marry a good man with a good heart, but Maria wouldn't listen to them.

One day a man came to Santa Fe. He seemed to be the handsome man Maria wanted. He would ride wild horses and when the horse was tamed he would just jump on some other wild horse and train it.

Maria had it all planned to get Gregorio. Every time Gregorio greeted her she would turn her head away. When he sang at her window she would pay no attention to him, so Gregorio made up his mind that Maria was the woman that he would marry. Maria's parents did not like the idea of Maria marrying Gregorio, but they got married anyway.





In a few years, they had two babies but they didn't live happily ever after. Gregorio left Maria and the kids and went off. Years later, he came back to see the kids but not Maria. Maria started to get jealous of the kids. The next time Gregorio visited the town he came with another woman. That really made Maria jealous! She took the children and threw them into the raging river. Realizing what she had done, she tried to snatch them back, but they were gone. Maria ran along the river after the children. She tripped on a root, struck a rock and was killed. She became La Llorona, The Weeping Woman.

Now mothers and fathers tell their kids to come home by sundown or else La Llorona will get them.

## MY DREAM

*By Michelle D. , Ms. Restivo's Class*

My mom tucked me in to sleep. That night I dreamt I was with grandpa. You must wonder where he is. Well, in a place called heaven. Let me tell you about it. I fell on a soft floor of clouds and through a hole in the sky. I was in heaven too! "Oh well," I looked at my grandpa but I couldn't see his face because it was misty. I was a teenager with an 8 year-old's face and I was playing with him in the snow. He just went away to get the ball that we were playing with. Then, I somehow fell out of the clouds and started to cry. I woke up from my dream and cried some more.

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# A Letter To Our New Governor



*Honorable Gray Davis  
Governor of California*

*Dear Governor Davis,*

*My name is Grigor Gevorkyan. I'm in fourth grade. I am nine years old and I go to Alexandria Elementary School. I want to congratulate you and Mrs. Davis for winning the election. I hope you enjoy your job as Governor of California.*

*I hope you can work to help eliminate gangsters and drugs, and if you have a chance, to make schools a safer place.*

*Thank you for sending money to schools and helping other people, like the homeless. I want to thank you for being so nice and friendly to poor people.*

*When you come to Los Angeles, come and visit Alexandria Ave. School and other schools if you have time.*

*Last year, my class and I took a trip to Sacramento. We went inside the Capital Building of California, but it was too bad you weren't elected as governor before we went there, but we still had a great time anyway.*

*Sincerely,*

*Grigor Gevorkyan*

*Grigor G.,*

*Mr. Hernandez's Class*

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